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In re Application of:

Nguyen, et al.

Serial No.: 09/686,004

Filing Date: October 10, 2000

Title: MINIMALLY INVASIVE VALVE
REPAIR PROCEDURE AND APPARATUS

Examiner: U. Ho

Group Art Unit: 3731

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following:

1. Copy of August 20, 2003 Notice of Allowance and Fee Transmittal Form 85 in duplicate (4 pgs) including an authorization to charge the issue fee (\$665.00) and soft copy fees (\$15.00) to the undersigned's deposit account.
2. Communication (1 pg)
3. Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pgs)

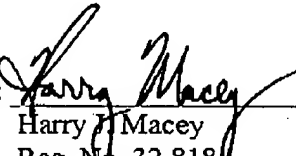


[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1947, referencing Attorney Docket No. CSI-2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 20, 2003

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COMMUNICATION

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Dear Sir:

The undersigned wishes to express his appreciation for Examiner Milano's time and attention provided during a telephone interview on November 18, 2003 during which Examiner Milano indicated that the amendment and replacement drawings submitted on September 9, 2003 have been considered and will be entered.

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance (Examiner's Statement) accompanied the Notice of Allowability that issued on August 20, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application.

To clarify the record, the undersigned submits that the Examiner's Statement is not intended to suggest that each of the allowed independent claims in this application includes the verbatim wording mentioned in the Examiner's Statement. For example, the Examiner's Statement refers to claim 9 and the language "a needle attached to a clip." However, claim 9 does not include this specific language. The foregoing is exemplary and is not necessarily exhaustive.



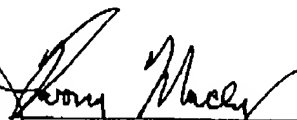
The undersigned submits that the independent claims in this application as written are allowable because the prior art does not disclose or suggest the invention as recited in each of the respective independent claims.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or if the Examiner disagrees in any way with these Comments, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

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